



THE INTENTIONAL SEARCH FOR TRUTH

by Gary Kendrick — Sunday, May 17th

Sunday Sermon

Throughout our lifetime, we have experienced many discoveries that have changed our lives. The digital age has transformed how we live and interact. But has anything radically transformed our spiritual journey or what we believe? For the first time in my lifetime, I think we are experiencing the beginning of a true paradigm shift in theology (or "God" thought). Surprisingly, though, this paradigm shift has not come from theological research. It has come from science.

Please join us for worship on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m., and for coffee and fellowship at 10:30.

AFTER THE SERVICE

Want to see what all the buzz is about with our new website? Stay after the service Sunday for a quick five minute review of the site that is even attracting positive attention from UU webmasters in Oregon!

This & Next Week at UUTC

- Photo Shoot** – Sat 5/16 @ 8:30 am
- TEEN NIGHT** – Sat 5/16 @ 7:00 pm
- Mindfulness Group** – Mon 5/18 @ 7:00 pm
- Men's Group** – Tue 5/19 @ 9:00 am
- Eclectics Jam** – Wed 5/20 @ 9:00 am
- Soup & Soul** – Wed 5/20 @ 6:30 pm
- Women's Group** – Thur 5/7 @ 12:30 pm
- Drum Circle** – Thur 5/7 @ 7:00 pm

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CRE NEWS

THIS SATURDAY, THE 16TH!: TEEN NIGHT @ UUTC! We will have snacks and a movie and hang out in the social hall and sanctuary, 7:00pm to 9:30pm.

Sunday, June 7th: What Shall I Pack in the Box

Marked "Summer?" (A Bobbi Katz poem title) Special youth-led service that will be an upbeat, heartfelt service celebrating the end of the school year/religious education year as well as a blessing for the upcoming summer solstice. Here Comes the Sun! All youth are invited to be a part of this service. Contact Heather for more information or with any ideas/suggestions you may have: [Box Marked Summer!](#)

Coming Sooner Than You Think— Chalice Camp! This year Chalice Camp will run from August 10-13th. The Theme this year is **SUUpper Heroes**. If you will be in town during that timeframe, we will be thrilled to have your assistance in providing a SUUpper Camp for our youth. Please email Heather if you can help— [Chalice Camp!](#)

Thank
you

A Glaring Omission

When requesting information from Ann Rabb and Jane Carter for whom to thank in last week's newsletter, your editor neglected to include THEIR names in the appropriate lists. My apologies! Ann and Jane both went over and beyond to make sure we had appropriate send offs for Ernie. Thank you!

President's Note

The Board was glad to see some 40 people at the May 5th Forum to discuss the budget in advance of our Congregational Meeting on May 31st. We had a lively discussion about MONEY — how UUTC talks about it, asks for it, pledges it, and doesn't pledge it. At that point in the stewardship campaign, half of the pledging units — HALF — had not made a pledge. If you're among that group, DO NOT DELAY! The cost of a minister alone is up \$20,000 from Ernie, and that does not include the costs of relocation. In addition, our administrative costs are going to be higher going forward, thanks in part to regular maintenance of our new website. We heard from several of our interim minister candidates that the website is the number one thing that attracted them to us! We anticipate that it will also be a preferred way for increasing numbers of people to hear what is going on at UUTC. Imagine what your life would be like if UUTC were not here and give generously!



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

May 31st at NOON

Vote on the Budget

Election of Officers, Nominating Committee members

Let's continue our new Way Over Quorum tradition! With 164 members, our quorum is 49. How about doubling that?

Let's fully support our budget and officers

Friends and Visitors are invited and may comment

Members only sign-in and vote

Documents being emailed to Members this Friday

Limited hard copies will be on the office counter

Remember to call or email for childcare or ride requests!

**Call or email the
office if you need a
ride or childcare!**

877-6121

uutcadmin@comporium.net

Have You Ever Forgotten To Bring Something to a Potluck?

Members and Friends,

When we go to potlucks organized by our church, community, family and/or friends, it is understood that we are to bring something to share. Some of us are gourmet cooks. We might buy fresh ingredients to prepare a wonderful main dish. Others of us are NOT Julia Child or Martha Stewart. We might pick up some chips and dip at Ingles or Bi-Lo. Also, some of us have more time and others of us are pulled in many different directions. Every now and again, there are those of us who show up empty-handed.

Regardless of our individual situations, it is important to always bring something to the potluck. And, everyone's contribution to the potluck is valued--no matter the amount or the preparation. *That* is what committing to UUTC is all about: bringing something to the table. Just as it takes food to make a potluck, it takes money to carry out the ministry of this congregation. And, yes, we have done so without the contribution of some and also with the large contributions from a few who might not always be willing or able to give so much. That's why we ALL have to give. We are part of this intentional community. A BIG FAMILY.

As of today, **90** Members and Friend households have made a financial commitment to UUTC. We still haven't heard from about **34** households. We are **\$31,151** shy of our proposed 2015-16 budget. We encourage you to consider the value that you place on UUTC by turning in your commitment forms. And, if by chance, you are not a Member and have been regularly attending and enjoying our programming, please consider changing your status. We would love to have you. Be the person that brings something to the table!

Every commitment--large, medium and small--is valued and appreciated! Thank you for helping UUTC to continue to be the beacon of progressive religious thought in Transylvania County.

VOLUNTEER OPENINGS: **Take a Turn / Take Care of UUTC**

TEAM OPENINGS: *Teams do the WORK of UUTC. These Teams are in great need.*

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| Equal Exchange | Team leader with Excel skills (note: there will be no coffee or chocolate w/o a leader!) | UUTC front desk — 877-6121 |
| Personnel | Team leader & member | Peter Mockridge at 862-5485 |
| Stewardship | Three members | Dave Roberts at 553-4461 |

COMMITTEE OPENINGS: *Please contact Board President Peg Hall at 828-553-7541 or peghall1@gmail.com. Committees determine POLICY for UUTC.*

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| Administration Committee | Two members |
| Finance Committee | Two members |
| Property Committee | One member |

ELECTIVE OFFICE OPENINGS: *Members, please contact Isabel Lynch, at 828-877-4170 or isabelplynch@gmail.com*

Board Member-at-Large

Elective offices CANNOT BE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD. The Congregation, represented by the Nominating Committee, selects candidates for service. This position, CURRENTLY EMPTY, will be up for vote (along with the rest of the Board) at the Congregational Meeting in May. Please consider service.

Serving the UUTC community rewards you with the SATISFACTION that comes from supporting a congregation that you love; the growth of your leadership skills; and the camaraderie that exists among team and committee members. Try it—you'll like it!

Susan Slocum, Secretary of the Board



Who Ya Gonna Call?

Your reference list for all points of leadership: Committee or Team!

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| <u>Board Executive Committee</u> , Peg Hall | 828-553-7541 | peghall1@gmail.com |
| <u>Administration Committee</u> , Peter Mockridge | 828-862-5485 | peterb@peterbmockridge.com |
| <u>Finance Committee</u> , Joan Lemire | 828-231-9259 | tjbindire@yahoo.com |
| <u>Property Committee</u> , Terry Davies | 828-966-9393 | urthlngs@yahoo.com |
| <u>Adult Religious Exploration Team</u> , Dave Hunter | 828-884-6647 | dwhunter53@aol.com |
| Being Group, Peg Hall | 828-553-7541 | peghall1@gmail.com |
| Christians in Exile, Jean Rowe | 828-883-9538 | uurevjeanr@aol.com |
| Covenant Circle Ministry, Susan Freeman | | susanf442000@yahoo.com |
| Dream Group, Carol Flake | 828-553-4910 | cflake@comporium.net |
| Drum Circle, Joyce Pearsall | 828-883-9879 | jepearsall@comporium.net |
| Eclectics, John Austin | 828-884-3466 | jsa0416@gmail.com |
| Men's Group, Jim Hardy & Dave Hunter | 828-553-7419 or 828-884-6647 | jhardy1@comporium.net / dwhunter53@aol.com |
| Mindfulness Community, Dick Winchell | 828-557-2511 | winchell.richard@gmail.com |
| Soup and Soul, Sandy Jones | 828-884-4442 | jonesbabyexpert@aol.com |
| Women's Group, JoAnn Crawford | 828-877-5344 | nccrawford@hotmail.com |
| Women's Potluck, Joan Lemire | 828-231-9259 | tjbindire@yahoo.com |
| <u>Building Team</u> , Dan Carter | 828-577-0251 | carterdt@mailbox.sc.edu |
| <u>Children's Religious Exploration Team</u> , Heather Layton | 828-877-2174 | creutc@gmail.com |
| <u>Computer Technology Team</u> , Mark Allison | 954-707-2895 | mark@cmallison.com |
| <u>Equal Exchange Team</u> , vacant | 828-xxx-xxxx | |
| <u>Grounds Team</u> , Bill Edmonds | 828-884-2837 | eliasstep@comporium.net |
| <u>Loving Hearts Helping Hands Team</u> , Cantey Carpenter | 828-885-2031 | canteycarpenter61@gmail.com |
| <u>Membership Team</u> , Susan Slocum | 207-831-8976 | suslocum@yahoo.com |
| <u>Music Team</u> , Carol MacAllister | 828-551-0587 | wisdomtreegal@gmail.com |
| <u>Nominating Committee</u> , Jim Null | 828-877-2550 | jnull69@comporium.net |
| <u>Personnel Team</u> , vacant | 828-xxx-xxxx | |
| <u>Social Action Team</u> , Sue Null | 828-877-2550 | suenull@rice.edu |
| <u>Social Activities Team</u> , Sue Ziegler | 828-883-4342 | sueziegler@yahoo.com |
| <u>Stewardship Team</u> , Dave Roberts | 828-553-4461 | dave@robertslink.net |
| Endowment, Barbara Wright | 828-884-9166 | wrightz@comporium.net |
| <u>Worship Team</u> , John Dreier | 828-577-1868 | albamar@mindspring.com |

SOCIAL ACTION TEAM NEWS



Social Action for May—Rise & Shine

Rise & Shine is a comprehensive academic mentoring program where every child can shine! Tutors include members of UUTC—in fact, members and friends of UUTC represent the second largest group of volunteers serving at Rise & Shine.

The three main components of the program for grades K-5 are one-on-one homework tutoring, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) education and Guided Reading with skilled educators. STEAM and Guided Reading are provided at a 1 to 5 ratio.

Scholars of all races are accepted and no Rise & Shine Scholar has dropped out of school in the 18 years of the program. R&S is committed to long term support and empowerment for scholars from Kindergarten through 12th grade. Strategies of the program are implemented to ensure scholars leave R&S able to “think, read, write, compute, love the arts and become economically independent.” Help support this empowering program for our Transylvania County youth. Go to www.riseshine.org for more details.

May is a month with FIVE Sundays, so we will be **collecting food for Sharing House** at the end of the month. Baskets will be available in the lobby for your much needed donations on May 24 and 31. Please take with you a list of most needed items from the basket on the counter.

PASTORAL CARE

This month, May, Earle Rabb takes his turn as our Pastoral Care Minister.

Should you need to speak with him, the **number to call is 553-9410**. You may wish to make a note of this in your copy of the Directory.

TWO MORE USHERS!

Our final two slots are for May 31st— one for 9:30 and one for 11:00. Won't you give me a call so I can stop pestering everyone?

Thanks in advance!

admin@uutc.org 877-6121

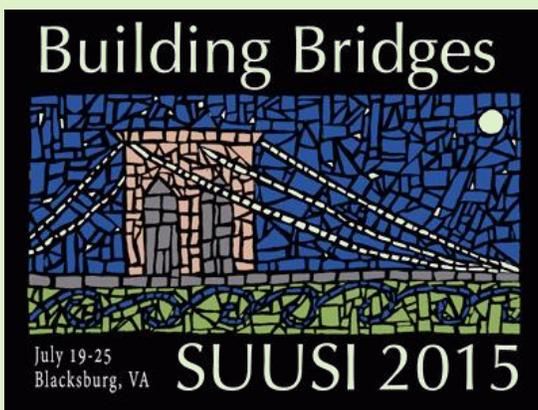
ANNOUNCEMENTS

UUTC Photo Directory Shoot - THIS Saturday, May 16th

Never been photographed for the Photo Directory? **Changed a bit and we may no longer recognize you? It's time to make our Directory resemble our congregation!**

Our next photo shoot for the Members and Friends Photo Directory is scheduled for Saturday morning, May 16th. Our team of Mark Allison and Barbi Smith stage and take the photos for FREE in 10-15 minutes per person/family. New Members and Friends receive a free Directory. Others may order a printed directory (just \$5) or request the free PDF.

To schedule, call Barbi at 910-392-7045, sign up on the office counter, or email Susan Slocum at suslocum@yahoo.com. **PLEASE MAKE TIME** to help us build a more accurate Photo Directory!



Building Bridges

Looking for something different to do this summer? Consider joining Heather Layton, Lynn Halsey, Elizabeth Thompson and Sue & Jim Null along with more than 1,200 UUs from all over the Southeast and beyond for **SUUSI** (Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute). **It's a family camp, conference, spiritual retreat, and nature adventure** mixed with wonderful

age-specific programming as well as a vibrant nightlife.

Intrigued? Curious? Questions? Contact Elizabeth Thompson at etville@gmail.com or Lynn Halsey at lghalsey@comporium.net for more information. Or you may go to www.suusi.org for general information. **The first registration deadline (\$50 discount) is TODAY, May 15th.**

UUTC Seeking Delegates to UUA General Assembly

June 24-28 - Portland, Oregon

We have two of a possible four delegates to GA 2015. Want to experience hundreds of UUs in a great setting all at one time? Some financial support will be provided. There is also an online option for delegates. Let me know if you are interested in more information about either way to have a national voice.

Susan Slocum, Secretary of the Board

suslocum@yahoo.com



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A Little Night Musicke



Recognize anyone from your Board?

Musicke Antiqua, an early music ensemble based in the Hendersonville/Brevard area, will perform at the **Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Hendersonville**, 409 E. Patterson Street off Kanuga Road. **The concert starts at 7 PM, Saturday, May 16, 2015.**

The concert contains music from the 13th through 20th centuries, covering European composers from Poland to Spain. A *Shakespeare Suite*, with music from Shakespeare's comedies and a *Latin Dance Suite* starting with a saucy Tango are of particular note. A rendition of Irvin Berlin's first big hit, "Alexander's Ragtime Band", will complete the program.

Musicke Antiqua performs music primarily from the Medieval and Renaissance periods, in costume, on replicas of a wide variety of early music instruments, including recorders, double reed instruments, strings and percussion.

The ensemble received rave reviews after a performance at St. Matthias Episcopal Church in Asheville. Reviewer Ted McIrvine states, "In Western North Carolina, we are blessed with our very own, very professional, early music consort, Musicke Antiqua."

Musicke Antiqua seeks to enrich local cultural life through exciting, historically-informed, live performances and educational programs, to inspire a new appreciation of early music and enable and support recorder and early instrument playing as a shared social experience. The ensemble offers tailor-made projects to suit schools and community groups.



“We are the certain and the seeking, the lifers and the newcomers, the beloved and the brokenhearted, the insiders and the rejected, all of whom have found a home in the extraordinary, yet intimate, communities of Unitarian Universalism.”

Melissa Harris-Perry, MSNBC Host

UUTC Mission Statement

Our mission is to create a community that encourages free spiritual discovery and growth, celebrates personal and religious diversity, and promotes active, responsible involvement in the larger community.

Join Us!

Discover what it means to have a personal faith which is anchored by diversity and acceptance. Join in Sunday services with the Unitarian Universalists of Transylvania County. Contact information is below.

KEEP UP WITH WHAT’S HAPPENING!!!

VIEW our [church calendar](#).

ACCESS [previous issues](#) of UUpdate.

SEND news for this newsletter by close of business on Wednesdays. Please include date(s), a description, and the contact person’s name and telephone or email address. Send to news@uutc.org.

SCHEDULE events on the UUTC calendar by sending an email to calendar@uutc.org with the date, start and end times, space to be used, and contact person.

CONTACT US

Our Pastoral Care Minister for the month of May is the Rev. Earle Rabb. Reach him at 553-9410.

Church office hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until noon. The church telephone number is 828-877-6121.

Our mailing address is UUTC, PO Box 918, Brevard, NC 28712.

Our email address is uutcadmin@comporium.net.

Our church is located at 24 Varsity Street, at the corner of South Broad Street in Brevard.